

St. Jerome Church

"He was lost and now has been found."

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019



5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.stjeromelax.org 310-348-8212

Members of our parish at the Cathedral attending the Mass for Migrants

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—noon; 1pm-4:30pm
Friday—10am-1:30pm

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Sat) Mass - 8am

Sunday Masses - 5:30pm (Vigil), 7:30am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9am to 10am and Saturday 4pm to 5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena with
Benediction & 6:30pm Adoration with Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

CENACLE OF OUR LADY—THURSDAY 1:15PM

FIRST FRIDAY- Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass, Benediction at 10am.

RECTORY STAFF

Our Pastor: Fr. Bill Bolton 424-543-4681

Associate Pastor: Fr. Valentine Ibe 424 209-9961

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy

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Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Emily Gonzalez 213 841-6775

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SCHEDULING SERVICES (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: call the rectory

Funerals: contact the rectory to set date and TIME

Anniversaries, Quinceañera, Memorials: call the rectory

Weddings - Call the rectory 6 months in advance to set the date.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Emily Gonzalez 213 841-6775
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Youth Ministry (Teens) and Confirmation

Religious Education and Sacramental Prep for Children

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA): 310-348-8212

St Jerome's Catholic School (pre-K to 8th gr): 310-670-1678

www.st-jeromeschool.org Principal: Mr. Tom MacDonald

SCRC Prayer Mtg (7pm Fri): Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Senior Center: (ext. 314) Allene Muccia 310-216-7354

Sunday School for Toddlers (11am Mass): Obi Nwabuzor

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study:

Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355

or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hall 323-295-2432

ST. Vincent de Paul Society: Morris Bernstein 310-908-9204

LIFE, CHARITY, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRIES

Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310-283-8258

Detention Ministry (Restorative Justice):

Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noreta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: call the rectory 310-348-8212

Voice in the Wilderness Tom Lenert 310-649-3245

Soup Kitchen (Every 3rd Sat.): Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

Our mission is to SHARE God's message with all people, to OFFER support to those in need, to PROMOTE Christian values and commitment to the family, to FOSTER a loving and welcoming environment enriched by culture and age diversity, and to DEEPEN spiritual growth through sacraments, prayer and service.

From Fr. Bill

Recently a concerned grandparent shared with me what their grandchild was being taught concerning religion by their public-school teacher: "Religion is a means of controlling and oppressing people." Sadly, from things I have heard that have been taught at some universities, it wouldn't surprise me in the least that some younger teachers could not but be infected by the freedom "From Religion" attitudes prevalent at some public institutions.

At the convocation I was in a small group with the priest who is chaplain at USC. He shared with us that the students at USC who identified themselves as Catholic would put the seminarians to shame by their public commitment to the church, its teachings and the sacraments. They support one another, pray together daily, encourage each other and work to reach out to their peers who are struggling with the empty narcissism, tech-centered isolation and shallow reasons for life. "They know that they are made for so much more."

He doesn't take credit for this culture of faith which is present. Although he encourages it, he knows that it is the example and faith of their parents and grandparents which laid the foundations. They seem well educated in the faith and have come from homes where faith is an each-day kind of thing.

I am glad to know through our young people like Ijeoma, Lara, Hannah and Emily (young adults who have been heavily involved at St. Jerome) that the adversity experienced in college can actually strengthen a believer's resilience and faith. Still, I credit their families and especially their parents for laying strong foundations.

Parents are the primary educators. Children learn from what we do more than from what we tell them to do. Priests, catechists, youth ministers, and our catholic school teachers have the responsibility to help parents keep the promises made at baptism and to ensure that their children learn to know, love and serve the Lord in this world and, God willing, be happy with Jesus in the next life.

The Finance Council challenged me to put my time, skill and energy into teaching the children at our St. Jerome School the Catholic faith. Part of this suggestion was the practical point that we needed cut expenses and I work for dog treats. Additionally, they know I've been a teacher for 24 years and that I truly believe in the importance of educating our children in an anti-god culture and that our children are the future of our church. I am

now the middle school religion teacher. I promise to do my best to not only have our children know about what Christians believe, I will strive by word and example to guide them to live as Christians. I am thankful that our enrollment is currently nine more than last year and am hopeful that the good word of what's happening at our parish and school becomes better known. Your prayers are appreciated.

This weekend we will be blessing our catechists, youth ministers and teachers as they begin the new school year in contributing their time, talents and energy in serving the Lord Jesus. The blessings will be at the morning masses this weekend and the 5:30pm Sunday mass next weekend.

Speaking of catechists and teaching the faith, if you or someone you love is interested in becoming Catholic have them come to the 11am Sunday Mass and join with other adults who are learning about Christ and His church. If you are a Catholic adult but haven't yet been Confirmed or received your First Communion, join us and let's make this happen! We sit in the first row right in front of where the scriptures are read. Don't let fear keep you from discovering the path to forgiveness and a purposeful, meaningful way of life.

On the last weekend of September, we will begin celebrating St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary as a parish! A breakfast will be available that morning. We will have the chance to renew acquaintances and build friendships. The Anniversary Books will be distributed to those who had their pictures taken. Opportunities to learn about and get involved in ministries and service radiating from St. Jerome will also be available. Please note that a section of the parking-lot (at the bottom of the church stairway by the rectory) will be unavailable that morning. I apologize for an inconvenience this may cause.

The 40 Days for Life begins September 25th. We will be having a guest speaker in October from FosterAll to walk the talk in our efforts to support human life from womb to the tomb. Both young and old deserve respect and a life with quality and meaning. Remember that we never retire from being the children of God, but we do need to adjust and adapt to our changing circumstances. In our later years the Spiritual Works of Mercy grow in significance and importance: Counseling the doubtful, Instructing the ignorant, Admonishing the sinner, Comforting the sorrowful, Forgiving injuries, Bearing wrongs patiently, Praying for the living and the dead. Interceding for others isn't just a thing saints do in heaven; it is something we begin doing for each other on earth.



RCIA Starts For Adults

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or need to receive your First Eucharist or Confirmation, please join us as we begin a new year of lessons every Sunday for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Classes. We meet at 11:00am, in the first pews on the right hand side in the church.



St. Jerome Bible Study

St. Jerome Bible Study will begin a short 10-week study of the Old Testament Book of Proverbs on **Tuesday evening, September 17, from 7:30 to 9pm in the Religious Education Center.** The study will run for 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings. The cost is \$25 for course materials. Every culture finds ways to pass on wisdom from one generation to the next. The Book of Proverbs organizes memorable sayings that lead to insight and understanding the world that can inform the way we live. Join us on Tuesday evenings as we explore this ancient wisdom and learn more of who God is and what God does.

For more information, please contact **Steve Picard at sjpicard526@att.net or Alan Bernstein at 310.645.5355.** All are welcome. No experience necessary. We look forward to seeing you

St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary Celebration Begins!

On Sunday **September 29, 2019** we will begin our celebration of 70 years of our parish community. This morning we will serve a continental breakfast to sustain you as you walk around and learn about our ministries, and as you pick-up your pre-ordered copy of our 70th Anniversary St. Jerome Directory.

We at St. Jerome Church are grateful to God for the gifts of lives shared and to help us look forward to future years we are holding our Parish Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity to learn and discover how you might get involved in being active members of our church family and develop long-lasting friendships.

At the masses this weekend we will also be praying for the canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton (needs just 2 more confirmed miracles).

We hope you make time to join us as we begin our 70th Anniversary Celebration.

To report any spiritual or physical favors granted through prayer in Father Tolton's name, please write: The Office of the Cardinal, Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611



Senior Center

Mon. Sep. 16: 12-4pm, Cards & Social
Wed. Sep. 18: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, December 11th, for the Senior Christmas Luncheon!
For more information, please call the Senior Center at 310 216-7354.



ATTENTION PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS:

It's important for you to attend the parents meetings scheduled on the following dates!

EDGE: Thurs., Sept. 19th—4pm, in the parish hall.

Religious Education: Sun., Sept. 22nd—10am, in the Religious Education Center.

For more information, contact Emily Gonzalez at (213) 841-6775 or email: sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

A Day of Renewal

Please join us on **Sat. October 12, 2019, from 10:00am -3:30pm**, in our Parish Hall. Our special guest is Deacon Steve Greco from St Elizabeth Ann Seaton Parish, Irvine. No registration required. Bring a sack lunch. Love offering will be taken. Prayer for healing at the end. Sponsored by Charismatic Prayer Group - Call: Donatus or Murglen Muoneke @ 310-508-4940 or 310-877-9560

ONE TIME SPECIAL EVENT

St. Jerome Parish will be hosting the Holy Mass of the National Black Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday evening October 12th. The Mass will begin at 5:30pm. There will be a full Gospel Choir. There will be SERIOUS preaching.

Of course, all are welcome to attend regardless of our ancestry. Mass is expected to last at least til 7pm and perhaps as late as 8pm... so please don't be offended by its length if you choose to attend. I apologize as this is not intended to upset our Saturday evening regulars, but I am excited and energized by the amazing music I expect to experience at this rare opportunity. Let's remember to keep these men in prayer.

Last week's Collection

September 7th & 8th, 2019: \$12,996 (Envelopes)
September 8th & 9th, 2018: \$13,060 (Envelopes)

Two week's ago:

Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st, 2019: \$15,846 (Envelopes)
September 1st & 2nd, 2018: \$19,415 (Envelopes)
Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st 2019: \$2,261 (School)
September 1st & 2nd, 2018: \$1,545 (School)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 09/14—5:30pm FB Nilo Atienza (SI)
 Sun. 09/15—7:30am FB Dinarita Aquino De Leon (M)
 9:00am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 11:00am FV Rose Muoneke Nnaike (M)
 5:30pm FB Donaciano Mesina (SI)
 and Fabiola Mesina (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 09/16—8:00am FV Sean Cunningham (M)
 Tues. 09/17—8:00am FB Clar Gonzales (SI)
 Wed. 09/18—8:00am FB Juanita Collins (M)
 Thurs. 09/19—8:00am FV Thomas Polverari (M)
 Fri. 09/20—8:00am FV Cecilia Ziganay (M)
 Sat. 09/21—8:00am FV Harold Simpson III (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FV, 7:30am SJ, 9am FB, 11am FV, 5:30pm FB
 Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)
 Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

Prayers for the Sick

Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar	Senen Blanco
Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt	Angel Cardona
Jordan Carter	Steve Clarke	Maritza Cardona
Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega	Nyhira Coates
Elizabeth Ezeana	Chris Ezeokoli	Peter Fitzpatrick
Margaret Gamble	Anne Gingras	Kathleen Harris
Dindo Honredo	Eileen LaCasse	Tom Lenert
John Marcello	Cathy McGuines	Louise Meehan
Betty Spindler	Linda Devanny	Eileen Reyes
Cathy St. John	Sam Quatto	Mary Lou MacDonald
Baby Zachary Dvi-Vardhara	Jennie Bejnar Waddington	

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of
Juanita Collins
 (Aunt of Jackie Purdy)
 and **Maria Santana**
 May they rest in peace



You are invited to pray the Holy Rosary after each 8am Mass and Sunday 5:30pm Mass in the church. Also on Thursday at 1:15pm we meet in the church. Pease join us!



Novena To Our Mother Of Perpetual Help



Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. The novena is intended to ask for a particular favor or blessing or to give thanks for blessings received.

For those who can't make it in the morning, we also have it in the evening at 6:30pm.

St. Jerome School



St. Jerome School is accepting applications for Pre-K, Transitional K & Grades K thru Grade 8. Applications may be downloaded from our website.

Visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org
or call 310 670-1678



Coffee and Donuts

Come join us in the parish hall for coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses!

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON
Saturday, September 21st, from
10:30am to Noon



If you wish to donate funds, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send a check to Saint Jerome, 5550 Thornburn St. Los Angeles, CA 90045. Please Note: "Soup Kitchen Fund" in the memo section of check.

Thank you!

God's Stewards of this World

As we begin this year's Season of Creation from September 1st through October 4th (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) please remind yourselves to be God's stewards of this world.

- Pray for our world
- Live more simply
- Advocate to protect our common home



The U. S. Catholic community is calling for climate action. Failure to act on the climate crises will mean heat waves, decreased rainfall, loss of biodiversity, and sea level rise. Urge your Senators to support Climate Accountability Act (S.1743), a bipartisan bill co-sponsored by 46 Senators. **For more information visit:**

cahtolicclimatecovenant.org



This year the St. Jerome Parish Holiday Craft Faire will be held the weekend of **November 9 and 10**. Please JOIN us for a fun-filled day, where many hand-crafted items, raffles every few hours, baked and yummy food are available. For VENDORS, we are still accepting table reservations. If interested contact **Joyce at 310 649-5586 or Joan at 310 670-7801**.

Fraud Alert: Please ignore any texts or emails you receive saying that Fr. Bill, Fr. Valentine, or any staff is asking you to send gift cards or money. This is a scam.